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**Statement by Representatives Steve Precourt and Kelli Stargel Regarding
Attorney General Pam Bondi's Decision to Join the Multi-State Lawsuit to
Protect Religious Freedom**

Tallahassee, Fla. – Following the decision by Florida Attorney General Pam Bondi to join the multi-state lawsuit challenging the Obama Administration's mandate forcing religious organizations to provide health insurance covering contraceptives, abortifacients and related services, State Representatives Steve Precourt (R-Orlando) and Kelli Stargel (R-Lakeland) issued the following statement:

"We applaud Attorney General Pam Bondi's decision to join the six other states fighting to protect the religious freedoms granted to every American through our Constitution. The federal government has no place to regulate religion.

"While we appreciate the Obama Administration's decision to make some changes to the mandate, unfortunately, the recent accommodations offered by the Administration will still force religious organizations that provide important services such as education, social work and charity to violate their own conscience. We look forward to seeing the religious freedoms of every American upheld in court."

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